

LEMONS AND ORANGES.

THE PECULIAR CONDITIONS OF TRADE.

LEMONS ARRIVING IN ABUNDANCE—ORANGES SCARCE AND LIKELY TO BE DEAR FOR A LONG TIME.

The lemon importing season is now well under way. Mediterranean lemons are again in ample supply and shipments of the new crop are beginning to arrive in swift succession. On account of the exceptionally early maturing of the Sicilian lemon crop this year the season opened about two weeks earlier than last year and three weeks earlier than in 1852. The first shipment of new lemons arrived on board the steamship *Southern*, which reached here on November 1 from Messina, with 20,000 boxes, a large part of which were sold on Monday, November 4, for from \$2 to \$5 a box for choice sound fruit, that in inferior condition being disposed of at merely nominal prices; while last November the first invoice of new Sicilian lemons was sold at an average price of \$2.00 a box, a considerable percentage of the boxes selling as high as \$7.50 a box.

STATISTICS FOR RECENT YEARS.

While discussing the conditions of the lemon trade in this city, past, present and future, a prominent local wholesale fruit merchant said to a Tribune reporter the other day:

"The annual lemon importing season is supposed to extend from September 1 in one year to August 31 in the next year, so it is necessary to mention two years in order properly to designate an annual season, or, so to speak, a fiscal year. The season of 1852-94 opened favorably, but ended disastrously to the importers, who lost large sums of money on account of heavy importation, hard times, and increasing competition of the Florida lemon growers. The importation of Sicilian lemons in that year amounted to 2,555,101 boxes, against only 434,035 boxes in 1853, 1854, and 1855 years earlier. On December 1, 1854, good and fancy lemons were sold at wholesale auction for from \$2 to \$5 a box, but a month later prices began rapidly to decline and toward the end of the season were practically only nominal."

The lemon season of 1854-55, that is for the year beginning September 1, 1854, and ending August 31, 1855, was a fairly successful one, and importers generally made considerable money, as good prices were realized, the supply having been restricted through the withholding of lemons by the Mediterranean shippers, caused by the increased shipment by them of oranges on account of the destruction of about 2,500,000 boxes, or one-half, of the Florida orange crop, by the severe storms of last winter. The lemon crop of California last year was about 200,000 boxes, and probably will be about 250,000 boxes this year, but that crop will give no perceptible relief to this market, as it will be nearly all disposed of west of the Mississippi River. Florida's lemon crop last year was about 250,000 boxes, fully half-one of which was destroyed, and the supply of this market thereby correspondingly reduced.

LESSONS FROM THE LEMON FAMINE.

The short supply of Mediterranean lemons and the entire stoppage of receipts from Florida culminated in the so-called "lemon famine" about six weeks ago, when prices were extravagantly high. That sudden boom in lemons was, however, almost wholly speculative, and some, if not a majority, of the persons whom it was excitingly created at the little end of the stick, may fortune have lost, and probably history will repeat itself in the future, as in the past. Prices are now abnormally low and the Mendocino lemon is abundant, so that, despite the fact that very few, if any, lemons were sold at wholesale auction for less than 25¢ a box, a month later prices began rapidly to decline and toward the end of the season were practically only nominal.

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THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—Spec. The advance in British goods and more parcels forward, now presented a general bust in the market. The early selling was done by New York and Western holders, but now hardly less often than it has been abused, but notwithstanding the expression is full and deep significance. For of all art, it is most natural and easiest to do business in the little end of the stick.

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FEATURES OF THE ORANGE TRADE.

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HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

A SMALL LOT of showmen and travelers sampled saddles, bridles, martingales, etc., at abandoned stables, and the same, at a reasonable price, can be had at a sale, a good chance to buy cheap. 115 Chambers-st., WHITMAN SADDLERY.

HANDSOME dark bay horse, 16 hands, 5 miles and 100 yards, sound and gentle; long mane and tail; travel 10 miles on an hour; good rider and driver; all built by Brewster & Co.; in perfect order; sell separate at half price; harness, saddle, etc., value \$100. 231 and 239 Schermerhorn-st., near Bond-st., Brooklyn.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

PROPERTY FOR MONTCLAIR—Residents properties, all kinds; sale or rent. TUBBS & TAYLOR, 5 Beckman-st.

PLATE TO LET—Unfurnished.

PLATES of fine, exceptionally large, light, airy rooms in best apartment house in Bond-st., rent \$12 to \$15. JANITOR, 99 East 16th-st.

7TH-AVE., NO. 1045, corner Stevens-st.—Elegant apartments facing Park, \$65 to \$100. FRED. STONE, 69 Broadway.

FON SALE.

AT REDUCED PRICES—500-second-hand wood and iron working machines, fully guaranteed; machinery bought and exchanged. GEORGE H. ELLIS, 20 Madison-st.

AT LITTLE'S TOOL STORE—No. Faustine-st., N.Y.—Workshop machinery (foot power, gas, steam, etc.) and tools, ready-made and fancy woods; incubators and brooders in operation.

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